FURTHER RETURN* to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons, dated 9 June 1820;—*for*,

Copies of all MEMORIALS presented to the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury, respecting the *Irish* Fishery Act, 59 Geo. III, c. 109:—viz.

MEMORIAL and Representation of the Magistrates, Town Council, Principal Inhabitants, and Fish Curers, of *Fraserburgh*.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, 22 June 1820. } GEO. HARRISON.

Fraserburgh, 8 April 1820. }

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury.

The Memorial and Representation of the Magistrates, Town Council, Principal Inhabitants, and Fish Curers, of *Fraserburgh*,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

THAT the Memorialists were highly gratified to observe the very flourishing state of the Herring Fishery in the North of Scotland, the prosecution of which has been carried on for several years, in many parts (particularly at this station,) with a degree of perseverance and success which could not have been contemplated; and was the means of giving employment to thousands of poor labourers, who without it would have been in a state of extreme poverty.

Your Memorialists however understand, with much concern, that by an Act passed at the close of the last Session of Parliament, cap. 109, of the 59th year of the reign of his late Majesty George the Third, intituled, "An Act for the further encouragement and improvement of the *Irish* Fisheries," the British Fisheries are likely to be much affected; and those who have their capitals embarked in that trade, ultimately ruined.

The present Act for the encouragement of British Fisheries, allows bounties for cured Herrings gutted, at the rate of four shillings per barrel; and three shillings per barrel for ungutted Herrings: But, a bounty of fifty shillings is placed (by the Act first above-mentioned) at the disposal of the Commissioners of the Customs and Port Duties in Ireland; twenty shillings a ton to be paid to the owners of fishing vessels of the burden of from 15 to 60 tons; six shillings per barrel for cured Herrings gutted with a knife; four shillings for each barrel not so gutted; and four shillings for each barrel of ungutted Fish, with four shillings per cwt. for other Fish for which the British Curers have no bounty;—being a bounty to the *Irish* curer, for gutted Herrings, of ten shillings per barrel, a preference of six shillings per barrel. And the Irish Curers are allowed other privileges and advantages by the said Act, which, together with the above preference, cannot fail to injure the British Fisheries, and ruin the Curers.

Impressed

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Impressed with the importance of the Fisheries in a national point of view, your Memorialists humbly beg leave to pray, That your Lordships will take into your most serious consideration the case of the Scotch Fish Curers; and that the Government of the Country will place the subjects of the United Kingdoms on an *equal* Footing as to BOUNTIES and PRIVILEGES, or grant them such other relief as their case calls for;—otherwise, the prospects which they had, of carrying on the Fisheries with advantage, will be entirely blasted, and Thousands of the Labouring Class dependent on their enterprise and perseverance, rendered miserable.

MAY it therefore please Your Lordships to adopt such measures for attaining the desired redress to the *Scotch* Fish-Curers, as in Your wisdom may appear expedient; and Your Memorialists will ever pray.

James M^c^Allan,	John Ironside,	Alex^r^ Macallan,
John Massie,	Charles Pressby,	James Farquhar,
George Taylor,	Wm Lawrance,	William Turriff,
And^w^ Park,	Alex^r^ M^c^Beath,	Lewis Chalmers, Baillie,
Pat. Gray,	W. D. Kelman,	Ch^s^ Wemyss,
Alex^r^ Davidson,	Alex^r^ Reid,	John Dalrymple,
Geo. Lind,	Ja^s^ Cruickshanks,	James Milne,
John Officer,	Jno. Park,	Wm Stewart,
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